

UNITE IN SAYING
PRIEST IS WEDDED

Woman's Sister Makes Affidavit in Support of Brother's Charge.

CLERGYMAN ONE OF
PITTSBURGH'S LEADERS

No Truth in Story Declare Both of the Accused Persons—Church Record.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Pittsburgh, March 20.—The Rev. Father Miles M. Sweeney, pastor of St. James's Roman Catholic Church at Sewickley, was married on January 23 to Miss Mary Christina Moran, of the North Side, according to a statement made to-day by Daniel J. Moran, brother of the woman. In further corroboration Elizabeth Moran, a sister of the bride, made an affidavit to-day declaring that the Sewickley rector married her sister at Wellsburg, W. Va., on the date named.

Father Sweeney denied to-day that he married Miss Moran. The woman also declares there is no truth in the story. According to the records in the office of the marriage clerk at Wellsburg, a license was issued to Michael M. Sweeney, thirty-eight years old, of No. 325 Walnut street, Pittsburgh, on January 28 to wed Mary C. Moran, thirty-five years old, now residing at No. 364 Cass avenue, this city. The couple were married on the same day, according to the returns by the Rev. Francis M. Biddle, of the Christian Church of Wellsburg. A description of Michael M. Sweeney and Miss Mary C. Moran received here from the Wellsburg officials tallies closely with the priest and the woman.

The first intimation of the wedding was given in a letter which was mailed to several newspapers by Daniel J. Moran, the bride's brother. The letter, in part, reads as follows:

"Miss Tena Moran, of Pittsburgh, and the Rev. Miles Michael Sweeney, of Sewickley, Penn., pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of Sewickley, went to Wellsburg, W. Va., on January 27, 1914, and were married by a Christian minister named Francis M. Biddle, and it was kept a secret till this time. The Rev. Miles Sweeney is still saying mass and giving all the rites of the Catholic Church at his parish in Sewickley, Penn."

The woman's brother gives his address as No. 135 East State street, Hammond, Ind.

The Rev. Mr. Biddle, of Wellsburg, who performed the ceremony, said to-day that his records showed that he officiated at the wedding of Michael M. Sweeney and Miss Mary C. Moran on January 28 and that the ceremony was witnessed by R. E. Moran and Frank Moran, the bride's brothers.

In her affidavit Miss Elizabeth Moran says, in part:

"That the Miles M. Sweeney, mentioned in her brother's statement, is the Miles Sweeney, pastor of the St. James Church, of Sewickley; that he came to her home to visit her sister, Mary Christina Moran, and in the presence of this affiant and her brothers he declared his intention of marrying the said Mary Christina Moran; that on the 28th day of January, 1914, the said Mary Christina Moran and Miles M. Sweeney, pastor of the St. James Church, of Sewickley, were married at Wellsburg, W. Va., by the Rev. Robert M. Biddle in the presence of her three brothers, Robert E. Moran, F. B. Moran and B. J. Moran."

It is added in the affidavit that previous to the marriage, when Father Sweeney appeared at the Moran home one evening, Miss Moran's brothers asked him what his intentions were, and he asked them what they wanted him to do. Then the affidavit continues as follows:

"Mary Christina Moran asked that she and Father Sweeney be permitted to have a few minutes alone together. This was granted. At the end of the interview her brothers again asked what he intended to do, and Father Sweeney replied:

"We are going to be married."

Thereupon, swears Miss Elizabeth Moran in her affidavit, her brother said:

"Remember, this does not mean only marriage—you will keep her—there is no monastery that will hold you."

The Rev. Miles Sweeney is one of the most prominent clergymen in this city. For many years he was the first assistant to the late Bishop Phelan, of the Pittsburgh diocese. Later he acted in the same capacity for the present Bishop Regis Canevin.

JUROR REPORTS SPECTATOR
One of 12 in Extortion Case Says He Was Approached.

When court convened yesterday afternoon in the case of Henry A. Egan, a policeman accused of extortion, one of the jurors, Alfred Meyer, reported to Judge Nott that a man made advances to him during the noon recess with the probable intention of influencing him or determining the attitude of the jury.

Meyer pointed out a man, who gave his name as Dorsch, and said that he was a mail clerk, living at No. 44 12th street, Long Island City. He denied Meyer's statement, but admitted knowing Egan and his family. Judge Nott told him to leave the building and threatened him with arrest if he returned.

Egan, who is accused of attempting to extort money from Mildred Elmore, of No. 321 West 27th street, by threatening to report her for running an illegal resort, took the stand in his own behalf during the afternoon.

REJECTS TUNNEL CONTRACT
Board of Estimate Thinks City Is Being Overcharged.

Because of objections raised by Controller Prendergast, the Board of Estimate yesterday refused to approve the contract for the reconstruction of the Steinway tunnel. Mr. Prendergast objected to terms amounting to \$6.45, out of a total of \$33,519, on the ground that they should be charged to equipment rather than construction, and therefore should be paid by the company. The contract is to be made with the Rapid Transit Subway Construction Company, which is to do the work for the Interborough Company.

The Controller said the money involved was trifling, but that if the board approved the principle it would establish a precedent which might cost the city a million dollars or more in the new subway system. The contract was referred to the transit committee of the board.

GOES TO AID SEA FLIGHT
C. F. Bishop to Sail for Europe as Aero Club Envoy.

As the official representative of the Aero Club of America, Cortland Field Bishop will sail for Europe to-morrow and will spend six months abroad in the interests of the club. Among other things, Mr. Bishop will confer with the Royal Aero Club of Great Britain on the best means to aid the flyers of the Rodman Wanamaker transatlantic aeroplane in their flight.

Mr. Bishop will represent the Aero Club at the Jacques Schneider and Gordon Bennett races, and it will be his duty to select the pilots to fly for the Aero Club of America in both events. He will attend the May meeting of the International Aeronautic Federation at Paris, at which time the action of the Aero Club of America in sanctioning the world race will be ratified by the international body.

The Aero Club has been asked to sanction a balloon race which is scheduled to start from Portland, Ore., some time in June. It is understood that \$3,000 has been provided for prizes, and the sanction will be given at the next meeting of the board of governors, which will be held on Wednesday. Glenn H. Curtiss, who came to New York to attend the Aero Club dinner, returned to Hammondsport last night.

MAYOR APPROVES
NEW LID POLICY

Licenses to Sell Until 2 A. M. To Be Issued After Police Investigation.

Mayor Mitchell announced last night that he had approved the lid policy suggested by Arthur Woods, his secretary, and O. K. D. by the citizens' committee. He will issue a formal statement next week. In the mean time he is having the Police Department look into the records of twenty-seven places that have applied for all-night licenses. All that stand the test will get licenses at once.

Restaurants that have entertainment, such as cabaret shows, must close at 2 a. m. The Mayor said 2 o'clock meant 2 o'clock, but that nobody would be taken by the shoulder and rushed to the street.

In regard to the suggestion that grill and dining rooms that adjoin hotel bars be permitted to remain open after the bars shut down, the Mayor is doubtful as to whether this permission can legally be given. He has put the question up to Corporation Counsel Folck.

The eight places that now have all-night licenses will retain them. Those which have applied for licenses under the new order are:

William Volk, No. 656 Third avenue; Reisenweber's, Columbus Circle; Mandarin Restaurant, No. 1561 Broadway; McAlpin Hotel, Broadway and 34th street; Murray's, 43d street, west of Broadway; Café de Paris, 42d street; Churchill's, Broadway and 49th street; Claus H. Hinch, No. 2 New Chambers street; Maxine's, No. 168 West 38th street; William H. Lewis, No. 701 Seventh avenue; Bustanovich's, West 29th street and Broadway and 69th street; G. and G. Catering Company, No. 1623 Broadway; the Pelin, No. 1676 Broadway.

Schultz Café, No. 163 Broadway; Arthur H. George (Kennedy's), West 38th street; Dillon J. McDermott, 43d street and Sixth avenue; Thomas Corcoran, No. 456 Sixth avenue; Jacob Myers (Herald Square Hotel), 36th street and Sixth avenue; Michael L. Walsh, No. 163 Broadway; the Tokio, No. 141 West 46th street; Hughes & Miller, 44th street and Eighth avenue; Ostendorf, No. 215 West street; J. H. Rosenfeld (Continental Hotel), No. 148 Broadway; Terrace Garden, East 56th street, and Jack Dunstan ("Jack's"), Sixth avenue and 44th street.

CLERGYMEN ASK
LAWS TO AID IDLE

Mayor's Investigators Find Less than 100,000 Unemployed Men in City.

Resolutions recommending the formation of committees in churches and other religious organizations to deal with the question of the unemployed in New York City and the formation of a representative committee to urge remedial legislation were adopted yesterday by clergymen from twelve denominations, including Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish.

The resolutions favored legislation establishing a system of free state or municipal labor exchanges, state industrial farms or schools, and penal farms for those unwilling to work. The Rev. W. D. P. Bliss, secretary of the committee, left for Albany last night to urge upon Governor Glynn and the Legislature the passage of pending free state employment bureau bills.

The resolutions were signed by the Rev. Dr. E. P. Farnham, chairman; Dr. William Carter, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Day, the Rev. Dr. Frank O. Hall, the Rev. Dr. Newell D. Hills, the Rev. Dr. John H. Holmes, Bishop Morris W. Leiber, Monsignor D. J. McMahon, the Rev. Dr. William H. Pott, the Rev. Dr. Christian P. Rehner, the Rev. Dr. R. U. Werner, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise and the Rev. W. D. P. Bliss. The committee will hold another meeting on Wednesday.

Joseph O'Carroll and "Jack" Morris, I. W. W. leaders arrested Thursday night at Cooper Union charged with inciting a riot, were arraigned yesterday before Magistrate Ten Eyck and held in \$2,000 bail for examination on Monday.

Investigators who have been working with the Mayor's committee on unemployment announced yesterday that less than 100,000 men are unemployed in New York City. If the number was reduced to those who really wanted work, it was said that it would be materially smaller.

A mass meeting to consider ways and means of dealing with the unemployed will be held in Union Square to-day at 1 p. m.

FLOCK TURNS ON PASTOR
Ask Resignation When He Meddles in Their Home Lives.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Paterson, N. J., March 20.—Because he insisted on dictating to the members of his congregation as to the manner in which they should conduct their private lives, the Rev. Henry Maas, pastor of the Reformed Church in North Paterson, was asked to resign. As a result he tendered his resignation.

The minister told his people they should not talk about others or pry into their business and should not accept credit in any way. His attempt to direct the affairs of the young people resulted in many leaving the church.

BELMONT'S WOOING
COST HIM \$110,000

Most of a \$150,000 Inheritance Spent on Girl, Court Is Told.

WIFE ADMITS SHE
WAS NEVER ON STAGE

Discloses an Entirely Different Career Under Cross-Examination.

August Belmont heard Mrs. Ethel Lander Belmont, wife of his son Raymond, admit in the Supreme Court yesterday in her suit for a separation that she never had been on the stage, as generally supposed, and that she met her husband in an apartment in West 49th street.

Mrs. Belmont was sharply cross-examined by DeLancey Nicoll, attorney for Belmont, who asked her for details of her career, which she readily gave. She also told about the money that the young son of the banker lavished on her, it being the contention of the defense that young Belmont spent \$110,000 on the woman, who was known as Ethel Loraine. Edmund L. Mooney, attorney for Mrs. Belmont, objected to testimony tending to show the social position of the plaintiff before she became the wife of Belmont, but Justice Greenbaum permitted Mr. Nicoll to continue his cross-examination along that line. Mr. Mooney, who had referred to Belmont as a "poitron and a sneak" for deserting his wife about a week after they were married in 1912 in Jersey City, said to the opposing counsel, "You have opened the door, and now whatever happens it will be on your head."

Mr. Nicoll asked Mrs. Belmont where she had first met her husband, and she promptly replied that it was at the home of Mrs. Anderson. The plaintiff testified that Belmont "allowed her \$200 a month, which he increased in 1910 to \$350, again increasing the allowance by \$50 in 1911. Then, on December 8, 1911, he gave her \$20,000, whereupon she agreed to release him from any claim. She refused to continue to live on the \$300 a month that Belmont was giving her."

When Belmont reached his majority he came into an inheritance of \$150,000, and it was out of this, it was said, that he spent \$110,000 on the plaintiff before their marriage. Under examination by her attorney Mrs. Belmont told of promises made by her husband, but which she said he did not carry out.

"We talked many times on the question of money," she said. "He told me that he wanted to live in the country. He said he had an income of \$7,000 a year independent of any money that his father might give him. He figured out on a piece of paper while we were lunching at the Knickerbocker that he could marry me and allow me \$600 a month to run the house. 'We'll raise beagles,' he told me. He said there was lots of money in beagles and that he knew how to raise them."

"Did he go into details about household affairs?" Mr. Mooney asked.

"Yes," he talked everything—from pots to pans and vinegar bottles.

Mrs. Belmont said that just before her husband left her, which was eight days after their marriage, he asked her whether she would accept \$200 a month for life and let him go his way. Her reply to this proposition, she said, was: "You talk like your father would talk. I don't care if August Belmont offers me \$10,000 a year. I want you."

Mrs. Belmont testified further that her husband had given her only \$50 since the wedding, and that of the \$20,000 she received at one time she had only about \$3,000 left. Asked what had become of the money, she said that she had furnished a house, had taken a trip to California and was breeding dogs.

An audit company has gone over the accounts of young Belmont, and the report will probably be introduced in court on Tuesday, to which day the trial was adjourned. This account will show, it is said, that Belmont's property now amounts to only \$40,000, and will be used in settling the amount of alimony that the court will allow their Sir Isaac Currier. At the only point to be settled is the amount of alimony Mrs. Belmont is to receive, as the husband is not opposing a decree of separation.

It was said yesterday that some arrangement might be reached out of court. This impression was caused by a request made early in the day by Mr. Nicoll for an adjournment of an hour. August Belmont was accompanied to court by August Belmont, Jr.

HAS HUSBAND ARRESTED
Mrs. Boyce W. Knight Crosses Sea to Charge Bigamy.

Westfield, N. J., March 20.—News was received here to-day of the arrest in Chicago of Dr. Boyce W. Knight, formerly of this city, on a secret indictment issued in Boston at the instance of Mrs. Eleanor Knight, who, with their two children, he deserted in England when he came to this country five years ago. The English wife's evidence was strengthened by that of the second Mrs. Knight, who obtained an annulment of her marriage in January.

Dr. Knight came to Westfield about three years ago and was associated with the Nestlé Food Company. On one of his absences from home the second Mrs. Knight opened a telegram addressed to him from Chicago, signed "Millicent," and thanking him for flowers, telling him how much she missed him and sending love. When he was confronted with the telegram and threatened with divorce, he replied:

"You needn't trouble to get a divorce. The fact is that you are not my wife. My wife is in England."

It happened, however, that the Mrs. Knight in England was at that time preparing to come to Boston to press the bigamy charge.

C. B. DEER'S FINE IS \$500
Man Who Disrupted Home Need Not Go to Prison.

Hackensack, N. J., March 20.—C. Bert Deer, of Ridgely Park, near here, convicted in January of misconduct with the wife of County Clerk Charles F. Thompson of Bergen County, and sentenced to an indeterminate period in prison, will go free on payment of a fine of \$500.

Judge Tennent has reconsidered the sentence and decided that the ends of justice would be subserved by the lesser punishment.

County Clerk Thompson has instituted divorce proceedings against his wife. Mrs. Thompson has filed a counter suit.

CITY SUED FOR \$53,000
Receivers for Bankrupt Aequeduct Contractors File Action.

Benjamin Barker and James G. Shaw, receivers for Patterson & Co., bankrupt contractors, of Pittsburgh, filed a suit yesterday in the Federal District Court to recover \$53,000, alleged to be due the firm from the city for work done on the Catskill aqueduct.

This was the "Bull Hill" contract No. 22 which is now under investigation by the special Supreme Court grand jury. It is alleged that Patterson & Co. paid \$41,250 in \$1,000 bills to James E. Gaffney, friend of Charles F. Murphy, of Tammany Hall, to get the contract and that the money was split up among high up politicians. The Patterson bid was for \$724,642.

JUDGE SUES SCHOOL BOARD
Charges Conspiracy to Have Him Arrested in Recent Strike.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Paterson, N. J., March 20.—Alleging conspiracy to have him arrested and sent to jail for leadership in the school strike at West Park School No. 6, Little Falls Township, Judge Morris Kammeihol, who on Saturday last was acquitted of charges of inciting the children to disobey rules, appeared to-day before Judge Charles Evans and entered a complaint against the members of the township Board of Education. The members are Albert C. Derby, Harry C. Carlock, Harold S. Sindle, Sherman Francisco, Anthony Ferrary, Fred Thompson, William H. Van Ness and Thomas Taylor.

The judge will also enter complaints against Supervising Principal Walton and Chief of Police Dougherty for perjury.

LEADERS LOOK FOR
AN EXTRA SESSION

Legislature in Deadlock Over Appropriation Bill, with No Relief in Sight.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Albany, March 20.—The Legislature is facing a deadlock on the appropriation bill, and Democratic and Republican leaders here regard an extra session as almost inevitable. Senator Cullen said to-night that an extra session, if called, would be held either shortly after March 27, the date set for the adjournment of the Legislature, or in September or October.

The Tammany Senate has refused to consider the appropriation bill as amended by the Republican Assembly, declaring it will not consider the bill until the two appropriations providing for the Department of Efficiency and Economy and the Fire Marshal's office, cut out by the Republicans, are restored.

Lieutenant Governor Wagner to-day appointed a Senate conference committee to consult with a similar committee from the Assembly in an attempt to adjust the differences. The committee is composed of Senators Boylan, Foley and Frawley, Democrats, and Brown, Republican. Frawley is chairman.

Some Tammany Senators said that if the Republicans would compromise by merely restoring the Fire Marshal's appropriation, the Senate would pass the bill. Speaker Sweet, however, declared that the Assembly would make no compromise.

PROTESTS 5-CENT
FARE FROM BRONX

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The bill, which applies only to New York City, forbids steam or electric railroads charging more than five cents fare from one borough to an adjoining borough, where both of the boroughs have more than 400,000 inhabitants. It applies, however, only to trains in suburban traffic scheduled to stop at places within thirty miles beyond the city line.

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GRAB 'STATUE MAN'S'
NEWSPAPER PLANT

Deputy Sheriffs Take Possession of "Il Progresso"—Due to Rivalry, Friends Say.

On an attachment against the property of Chevalier Charles Barsotti, proprietor of the Italian newspaper "Il Progresso Italiano," deputy sheriffs took possession yesterday of the newspaper plant, at No. 42 Elm street. The attachment was the result of a suit brought in the Supreme Court by Louis Pirano, a dealer in wines and groceries, to recover \$1,700.

Behind the legal action, according to Barsotti's friends, lies "spite work" which began with the newspaper's prosperity. His rivals in business are the publishers of "Il Giornale Italiano," another newspaper. The claim of \$1,700, it was said by Barsotti's lawyer, is of long standing, and involves a bill disputed for many years.

Barsotti is in Rome, where he has been for the last two and a half years. According to Antonio Croco, managing editor of "Il Progresso," his presence there was necessitated by prosecution of libel suits he brought in the Italian courts against newspapers in Rome.

Barsotti is known as "the statue man." His efforts helped to erect the Columbus statue in Columbus Circle, the Verazzano statue in Battery Park and the efigy of Verdi at 54th street. Still another monument, the statue of Dante, lies ignored on a dock in Hoboken, where it was placed when the city authorities refused to find room for it in the city. The statement was made that the Dante statue was not suitable, but Barsotti's friends say that its erection is prevented by jealousy.

Although the presence of the deputy sheriffs in the plant of "Il Progresso" was discouraging, Mr. Croco denied that there was any possibility of suspending publication. He said a bond to be filed to-day had been arranged with the National Surety Company for an amount sufficient to cover the judgment.

Barsotti won his first libel suit in Rome, which was against the Rome correspondent of "Il Giornale Italiano" for libel in assertions about the rejection of the Dante statue. The verdict was once appealed, confirmed, and is now in the highest Italian court.

PLEADS MOSAIC LAW
IN ZIEGLER CASE

Miss Brandt's Lawyer Tells Appellate Division That Surrogate Erred.

CRUEL CONCEPT OF
ROMANS ACCEPTED

Contended Baking Powder Man Could Not Deprive Girl of Share in \$15,000,000.

When Surrogate Fowler went back to Justinian yesterday in support of his decision that Miss Florence L. Brandt, a teacher of Davenport, Iowa, was not the adopted daughter of William Ziegler, the baking powder manufacturer, at the time of his death, and therefore was not entitled to share in his \$15,000,000 estate, he did not go back far enough. If he had consulted the Book of Genesis or had looked up what Moses had to say about his own adoption by the daughter of Pharaoh, his decision might have been different.

At least, that is what Harry S. Macartney told the Appellate Division yesterday in arguing for the reversal of the decision of Surrogate Fowler. Miss Brandt is a sister of William Ziegler, who inherited practically the entire estate of the baking powder manufacturer. They were both adopted by Mr. Ziegler, but the adoption of Miss Brandt was abrogated. It is the contention of Mr. Macartney that this could not have been done without the consent of Miss Brandt's mother, who was a party to the adoption, but who was not consulted about the annulment of the adoption.

Mr. Macartney said that the decision of Surrogate Fowler was based on "one of the most cruel and inexorable of Roman concepts." The Surrogate went back only as far as Justinian, said the attorney, whereas adoption had been a custom that went back to the infancy of the human race. He said that the first recorded adoption appeared in the fifteenth chapter of the Book of Genesis, where Abraham said, "Lo, I am childless, and one born in mine house is mine heir."

Even the Mosaic code, the first code of written laws and antedating Justinian by a thousand years, was quoted as an authority by Mr. Macartney. There he found that Moses, who was found in the bulrushes, said, "And he became her son."

John M. Bowers, for the Ziegler estate, said that Miss Brandt's mother had been divorced from her husband, and therefore her consent to the annulment of the adoption was not necessary. The court reserved decision.

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DUTY ON WIRE EXPECTED
Western Grain Growers Protest to Canadian Premier.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Ottawa, March 20.—That the government intends to impose a duty on wire and wire rods, certain kinds of which are now admitted free, was generally conceded to-day, when a delegation of Western grain growers called on Premier Borden to protest against such a duty. The delegation also protested against the renewal of the iron ore and steel bounties.

The budget speech, which will contain all announcements of tariff changes, will be delivered in the House of Commons next week. The iron and steel interests and the ore people are demanding duties on the classes of wire and rods now admitted free and increases of duty on the other classes, the value of the importations of which from the United States runs into the millions.

A renewal of the iron ore bounties is also demanded, although it developed to-day, contrary to the claims of the ore people, that large quantities of low grade magnetite ore are being mined and treated and exported to the United States at the present time at a profit.

BOWERY PAWNSHOP
LOOTED IN DAYLIGHT

Proprietor Locked In, Burglars Smash Window and Steal \$2,000 in Jewelry.

With the proprietor and his five clerks locked in by placing an iron rod through the latch on the door, two men smashed the show window to the pawnshop of David Fry, No. 274 Bowery, yesterday afternoon, hastily pilfered out \$2,000 worth of the \$10,000 display of jewelry, then rushed through the crowded street and escaped in a lodging house at No. 270 Bowery.

The daring robbery was over and the thieves gone before David Fry or his clerks, who witnessed the affair, could recover from their astonishment. It all happened at a time when the Bowery at this place—a few doors south of Houston street—was crowded with shoppers. Less than forty feet away, at the corner of the Bowery and Houston street, was Patrolman Callaghan, of the Mulberry street police station.

There was so much noise and confusion at the time that the patrolman did not hear the crash of glass caused when two bricks were hurled through the window. About five minutes later the patrolman was attracted by the shouts of Fry and his five clerks, who were locked in the store.

The jewelry stolen consisted of a \$750 diamond and pearl lavalliere, diamond and other precious stone rings and watches.

The robbers rushed into the Majestic lodging house, surprising Franklin D. Foster, the clerk, and C. W. Burns, the manager, who were at the office desk on the first floor. Several hundred lodgers were also seized around the room, but at sight of the men, one of whom displayed a revolver, none made any attempt to intercept them. The two men ran through the room and escaped into Elizabeth street.

Captain Kinsler, of the Mulberry street police station, with Lieutenant of Detectives Stapleton and the reserves searched the neighborhood within half an hour after the robbery, but found no trace of the robbers.

The burglary yesterday adds another to the long list of robberies of pawnshops in the neighborhood of the Bowery and Houston street.

HUSBAND GETS NOTHING
Wife of Henry Schleth Leaves Estate to Others.

No mention of her husband appears in the will, filed yesterday, of Mrs. Julia M. Schleth, wife of Henry Schleth, warden of the Queens County Jail, who shot her young son and herself last October. The circumstance has caused comment in Long Island City, because the warden and his wife were always considered a devoted couple.

The will makes it clear that Mrs. Schleth had not long meditated the murder of her son. The will was drawn four weeks before the tragedy. It leaves everything to the boy. Failing him, all was to go to his grandfather and uncle, Charles and William J. Arnold. The estate is valued at \$125.

ROGERS ORDERED TO
ANSWER HOME SUIT

Son of Oil Man Criticised by Court for Clouding Title to Gift.

USED DUMMY FOR
\$600,000 MORTGAGE

Lawyer's Clerk Never Received Money or Paid It Out, Appellate Court Decides.

Henry H. Rogers, son of the late vice president of the Standard Oil Company, was sharply criticised by the Appellate Division yesterday for employing a dummy to place a cloud on the title of the property which his father gave to the Messias Home for Crippled Children. Rogers claimed a \$500,000 mortgage on the property, and the trustees appealed from a decision of the Supreme Court dismissing their suit on a demurrer.

Rogers' mother was an active worker in connection with the home, and it was she who announced the gift made by her husband. The land and a few old buildings were bought from the Fordham Morris estate for \$100,000, and the home was opened in 1908. After the death of Mr. Rogers, in 1912, the trustees were notified that there was a mortgage of \$500,000 on the property.

George Keiser, who is being sued with Rogers, was a clerk in the office of Knott & Dooling, attorneys for Rogers' father, and had acted as a dummy, the Appellate Division said, to take title to property.

The record shows that the elder Rogers gave deeds of the property to Keiser, who, after the elder Rogers died, turned a mortgage over to Rogers as security for a "loan" of \$500,000.

"He never in fact," said the court, "received the sum of \$500,000 mentioned in said mortgage, nor any other sum, nor paid the same, nor had any intention of paying the same to the defendant, Rogers, Jr."

"It was a dummy transaction," the Appellate Division decided. "It was perpetrated long after the taking of possession by the plaintiff. All this is admitted by the demurrer. There is no other way of characterizing the transaction than as a fraud on the plaintiff."

The Appellate Division reversed the decision of the Supreme Court and ordered Rogers to file answer to the suit within twenty days.

'CHANGE MEN AT DANCE
Take Part in Annual Ball of Employees.

More than 200 couples attended the second annual ball of the Employees Athletic Association of the New York Stock Exchange last night at Terrace Garden. Many of them went in for the two dancing contests and all competed for the silver cups to be awarded to the four hand-somest couples.

Several members of the Stock Exchange acted as judges. Among them were Cyril de Cordova, Thomas Watkins, J. P. Callahan, C. K. Reamy, W. R. Fagan, Lester Worden, E. J. Burns, Eben Stevens, W. B. Potts, W. R. Taylor and M. T. Utermeyer.

The winners of the one-step contest were J. B. Swensen and Miss Anna Olsen, first prize, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Feinstein, second. Of the waltz contest the winners were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mahoney, first, and Joseph Besley and Miss Hazel Simmons, second. The prize were gold watches for the men, wrist watches and silver handbags for the women.

The judges were still struggling early this morning to award the cups to the four handsomest couples.

BattleShip Flags on View.

Three flags which are to be presented to the battleship New York by the New York State Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, were on exhibition yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the chapter in the Hotel Belmont. The colors were escorted across the room from the patriotic committee to the regent by twenty-five Boy Scouts.

Mrs. Charles L. Blakeley, president-general of the organization, was a guest of honor. Mrs. Everett Menges Raynor was installed as regent.

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